fair and warmer Saturday.

## GIRL'S NECK WAS BROKEN

DISCOVERED 3 DAYS AFTER SHE WAS FOUND DYING.

New Mystery in Riverside Park's Christmas Night Tragedy-No Sure Recognition of Rody Vet-Recorder Goff's Son Saw Man and Woman Wander in Park.

The young woman found in the snow in Riverside Park early Monday morning died of a broken neck. This was discovered yesterday when Dr. Albert T. Weston, Coroner's physician, made an autopsy on her body at the Morgue. It had been believed that she died from exposure. She lived only a minute or two after she was lifted into a J. Hood Wright Hospital ambulance.

How her neck was broken Dr. Weston and Coroner Scholer, who has the case, do not attempt to say. The police of the West 125th street station house have a theory that the young woman slipped off a bench on which she was sitting and, striking her neck against the seat, broke her neck. They give little weight to the theory of murder. Coroner Scholer would not commit himself last night as to whether he thought the case one of murder or of

Many persons viewed the girl's body vesterday. Nothing like a reliable identification was made. One man thought the girl might be Mary Sullivan, a hotel servant. His mother, who knew Mary Suli-van better, said she could not be sure that the girl was Mary Sullivan, but she saw a strong resemblance.

John W. Goff, son of Recorder Goff, saw

a woman, assisted by a man, totter along Riverside Drive near where the girl was for n i, about 10 o'clock Sunday night. He did not visit the Morgue, and there is no certainty that the dead girl is the one whom

The autopsy was made at the Morgue where the body had been sent by Coroner Scholer. It had been the theory of the police that the young woman had been killed by exposure. Dr. Weston found that neck. He said that the absence of congestion of the lungs showed that exposure

was not in any degree the cause of death. Besides a broken neck, the girl had bruises on her right forearm. Dr. Weston couldn't say, as a result of his autopsy, whether the girl's neck had been broken through a fall against a park bench or from a blow. The autopsy showed that the young woman had not suffered from the effects of any drug. The tests for traces of alcohol were negative. She had at some time been a

Coroner Scholer found a possible witness in the case in the person of John W. Goff. Jr., son of Recorder Goff.

"I have the story of a man high in the legal profession," said Coroner Scholer yesterday afternoon. "who undoubtedly saw this woman on Sunday night. This man's word is as good as gold. He hasn' been to the Morgue to look at the body, but it is undoubtedly the same woman that he saw alive at 10 o'clock on Sunday

When it was recalled in the Criminal Courts Building that the Coroner had had a personal interview with Recorder Goff during the day the rumor spread that Recorder Goff was the witness. This his con John W. Goff Jr. C his father's home, 319 West 104th street. It was undoubtedly I to whom Coroner Scholer referred," said Mr. Goff. "I make a practice of taking my dog out for an airing every night around 10 o'clock. On

Sunday night I followed my usual custom. "I was walking up Riverside Drive and at 116th street met a couple coming up from the lower to the upper drive. The woman, as well as I could make out in the evere storm, was young, a blonde, and well dressed. The man with her was dressed in some sort of uniform. It looked to me like the uniform of a street car employee, or perhaps of the subway or elevated com-

"The man appeared to be assisting the weman who was plainly in distress. I wa ched them walk as far down as 113th street and there I lost sight of them." Mr. Goff said that he hadn't been to the Morgue to look at the body of the dead rirl and couldn't say whether it was the same person. His father, he said, knew no more of the case than he had told him.

Coroner Scholer had expected to devote some time to the case last night, but finally let the police look after it while he went to a dinner in Clinton Hall, at 153 Clinton street. He said late last night that every effort would be made to learn the identity of the dead girl.

"It is usual in such cases to hold a body in the Morgue for eight or ten days' in the hope of identification," he said. "In this case the body will be held two weeks, or more if necessary. The body will be kept for an indefinite period, that it may be identified if possible."

Detective Sergeant McCafferty, detailed to the West 125th street station, and Detective Shiebel of that precinct were working on the case last night with Inspector Smith. They had settled it definitely that after the Green woman had been found at 112th street she had been taken to "The Widow's," a resort at 112th street and Riverside Drive, but they struck somewhat conflicting stories as to who first

found the young woman.

According to the police, she was first seen by Paul Bill, a lamplighter, living at 812 West Sixty-ninth street, who has said hat he saw her sitting on a bench at 4 o'clock Monday morning, when he put out, the street lamps in the park. V. H. Arnold of 540 West 112th street declared yesterday that he saw the young woman about 6:45 o'clock, and took her, with the assistance of Ludwig Hoffman, a park employee, to the Widow's." This place is run by

Arnold lives in the Kiltonga apartments. He is employed as the New York repre-sentative for a Pitteburg iron foundry. He said last night that on Sunday, Christ mas night, he had a number of friends visiting at his home, and that his guests smoked up all his cigarettes. He got up

smoked up all his cigarettes. He got up at 6:45 o'clock Monday morning, put on high top boots on account of the snow, and went out for cigarettes, which he got at La Salle's drug store, around the corner at 112th street and Broadway.

"Then," said Arnold, "I walked down to Ninety-ninth street to see the foundations of a new house building there. I wanted to see if the new building would interfere with the view from my apartment. On my way home I walked up Riverside Drive "At 112th street I found the body of the girl, dead or dying. It was some little distance from the park bench. Her under-

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BIG WIND FROM THE WEST. Comes Bast With Cold and Causes Distress Up the State.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-The wind that ushered in yesterday's blizzard has blown itself out, but has left extremely cold weather in its wake. The coldest temperatures reported to-day were 6 degrees below zero at Des Moines, 4 degrees below at Omaha

and 8 below at Sloux City. Owing to the fact that telegraph wire are down, Omaha is the point farthest west heard from by the Weather Bureau and Milwaukee the farthest point north. Nearly all of the railroad trains coming into Chicago from the east, west and north are from one to three hours overdue.

The storm has moved northeastward in Ontario and is raging down the St. Lawrence River valley. The cold wave is felt as far east as the Appalachian Mountains to-day, but its severity is tempered some-what as it crosses the Middle States.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28 .- A blizzard came into Buffalo from the West this morning. The news of its coming was heralded by a drop in the temperature that checked the freshet in Buffalo Creek that had threat ened to inundate South Buffalo.

The blizzard was a bit shy on snow; was too busy with bluster. At 8 o'clock this afternoon it was blowing 70 miles an hour, but it did little damage other than to hats and delivery wagons. Street car traffic was unimpeded. The high waves did damage to the Lake front of the Lackawanna Steel plant. The gale abated after night fall.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 28 .- The fiercest blizzard thus far this winter in northern New York began before noon to-day and since then the velocity of the wind has greatly increased, until to-night it is blow ing from 45 to 60 miles an hour. This is accompanied by a heavy fall of a mixture of hail and snow, making it difficult for one to see more than a little distance. The trains on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg division are experiencing much trouble

being moved. Jоннятоwn, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A gale from the west is blowing here at the rate of 35 miles an hour. The thermometer has fallen thirty degrees during the day.

HALPIN HEADS CITY COMMITTEE And There Is a City Executive Committee

Made Up of District Leaders. The Republican city committee wa 'reformed and reorganized" last night in accordance with the wishes of Gov. Odell. John K. Neal of Brooklyn was reelected chairman for the coming year, but an executive committee consisting of one member from each Assembly district was appointed to conduct the business of the organization. William Halpin, Odell's chairman of the New York county committee

man of the New York county committee, was put at the head of this committee and the members selected were in almost every instance the present Republican leaders of the various Assembly districts.

The slate was fixed up yesterday afternoon after a consultation with the Governor-Chairman and typewritten lists of the men to be selected as officers were given out before the meeting was called to order.

Edward H. Healy, the temporary chairman, said that the organization had a definite purpose in view, and that all its followers hoped for success.

"That purpose," said Mr. Healy, "is to nominate a straight Republican ticket in the Mayoralty contest next fall. [Cheers and applause.] We know almost to an absolute certainty that not only will the nominee for Mayor be a Republican, but that he will be an organization Republican.

nominee for mayor be a republican, but that he will be an organization Republican. What is more, he will be elected."

Mr. Neal declared that Gov. Odell was the greatest political leader that New York State had ever produced. He said that in him the Republicans of the city had at last found a leader who could unite all the elevants of the party and that if leval the elements of the party, and that if loyal support was given to him there could be no doubt as to the outcome of the election

here next fall.

Mr. Halpin said that the outlook was cheerful. He thought that when the Republicans deserve success by their conuct the people of the city will give it to

These were the officers elected: Chairman. John K. Neal; first vice-president, Jacob A. Newstead; second vice-president, Alfred T. Hobley of Brooklyn; third vice-president, Frank L. Brooks of The Bronx president, Frank L. Brooks of The Bronx; fourth vice-president, B. Frank Wood of Queens; fifth vice-president, Arthur A. Michel of Richmond; secretary, Armitage Mathews; assistant secretary, Philip W. Reinhard of The Bronx; treasurer, George of Richmond; sergeant-at-arms

EFFORT TO OUST TIGHE FAILS McCarren Unable to Have Him Deposed as

President of Brooklyn Magistrates. Magistrate James G. Tighe, who has been president of the Board of City Magistrates in Brooklyn for the last two years against whom there was to have been con certed action, under the expressed wish of Senator McCarren, to oust him from his position at the annual election yesterday won out, for the time being at least, the board adjourning without making a selec-

board adjourning without making a selection. Not enough votes were cast.

Senator McCarren's desire to oust Magistrate Tighe is said to be due to his failure to attend the meetings of the board in October when the ratification of the selection of a clerk for the Coney Island court was made necessary by reason of the death of the former incumbent, Thomas D. Osborne. At the time Judge Tighe failed to attend and it was openly declared that he was opposed to the candidate because McCarren had selected him. It was further declared that there would be an attempt on the part of Tighe to push through a Doyle man in the interest of Tammany Hall.

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Magistrate Tighe said last night that there was no truth in the reported reason for his absence from the meeting. He said that the law called for the appointment of a clerk by the Magistrate under whom he was to serve, and that there was no law that made it necessary for the Board of Magistrates to ratify the selection.

Magistrate Tighe is supported by six out of the remaining twelve votes in the board, and when the full board meets he will be chosen.

MEDAL FOR WASSERMAN.

Detective Stopped a Panie in an East Side

Hall and Has a Good Record. Detective Joseph A. Wasserman of the Fifth street station has received a medal and honorable mention from the Police Com-missioner for his work in stopping a panic missioner for his work in stopping a panic in Progress Hall, in Avenue A, between Second and Third streets, where a dense-crowd of Hebrews were celebrating Yom Kippur, the Jewish New Year, in September. The panic started over a false alarm of fire just as Wasserman, off duty, was passing the door. He stopped the crowd which was pressing down the steirs from the floor above and then aided in getting the people out in an orderly manner.

One of the board of honor who sat on the case said that Wasserman's general record had nearly as much to do with his getting the medal as this particular instance.

On the mean of every first-cless City hotel. Pancia-

On the menu of every first-class City hotel. Pancia tichi Chianti wine. Cesare Conti. agt., 25 B'way. - Adv

# WOMAN'S BAD CHECK HABIT.

MRS. BERGIN TAKEN TO JERSEY CITY TO EXPLAIN.

Chief Murphy Says He Got From Her a Bogus Check for \$1,800 to Satisfy Complaints-The Sleuth Who Arrested Her Entertained by Her Husband.

Mrs. Irvinea Bergin, wife of Dr. Thomas Bergin of 481 Orange street, New Haven, Conn., who was arrested on Tuesday on an indictment found by the Hudson county, N. J., Grand Jury, charging her with obtaining money under false pretences, was taken to Jersey City yesterday by Detective

Sergeant Frank Bennett. The complaint against the woman was made by Edward Grinslade, manager and bookkeeper at the Cushing Company's big warehouse in Hudson street, Jersey City, who alleges that Mrs. Bergin gave him a bogus check for \$1,500.

The police say that they have evidence that the physician's wife floated other worthless checks.

Four of her alleged victims who went to Chief of Police Murphy refused to make complaints and begged the chief to under-take the mission of inducing her to make good the amounts. The chief accepted the trust and incidentally a check for a sum sufficient to cover the outstanding paper. This check was like those which had gone before. Mrs. Bergin scurried around after several telephonic interviews with the chief and turned over to him the money, satisfying the claims of her sympathetic victims.

It was supposed by the police that the incident was closed, and then came word that she had given Mr. Grinslade a check. Her indictment followed and extradition

papers were secured.

Mrs. Bergin is the daughter of the late Thomas Goddard, a well to do coppersmith who once owned a foundry in Morris street, Jersey City. She attended St. Matthew's Episcopal Sunday school and was in a class with Detective Bennett, who arrested her. She married Frank Handley, a broker, who died some years ago.

The Widow Handley fell sick down East and was attended by Dr. Bergin, who was several years her junior. The physician s year ago married her, despite the opposition of his father, who is a police sergeant in New Haven. When Detective Bennett went to Mrs.

Bergin's house in New Haven on Tuesday

night she took her arrest coolly and went to bed at her usual hour, the detective remaining on guard in the main hallway downstairs. Dr. Bergin returned home at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning and was shocked to heat

what had happened. He invited Bennett into the parlor, so the detective says, and played "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and The Fatal Wedding." When Bennett started away with Mrs Bergin yesterday-also on the authority of the detective—the doctor ran out to the carriage and offered to kiss his wife good-by.

she turned her face away and refused.

"If you can't get me out of trouble," she said, "I don't want you."

Then the party, which included Mrs. Bergin's two children, drove away and the doctor tore down his sign and indignantly threw it into the hall.

There was more excitement at the railand station where several lawvers had gathered to prevent the Jersey City sleuth from taking his charge out of the Connecticut jurisdiction.

Chief of Police Murphy of Jersey City said last night that the four complainants who would not prosecute came to him several weeks ago and said that they had cashed Mrs. Bergin's personal checks on the Lincoln Bank in Forty-second street, New York. The chief wrote to Mrs. Bergin at her home in New Haven, and she esponded that she couldn't understand it at all. She told the chief that she had enough securities in a safe deposit vault eet all the claims against ber, and she sent him a check for \$1,800 so that he could

settle with the four.
Chief Murphy wouldn't take any chance, and sent Detective Bennett to New York with the paper. The sleuth reported that Mrs. Bergin's account was shy. Then the chief called her up on the phone at her home and asked for an explanation. Mrs. Bergin replied that she guessed she had made a mistake, but she would hasten to make things right. She said she would

soon visit Jersey City. "Don't bring me any more checks," advised the chief. "It must be the real stuff." Mrs. Bergin later telephoned from the Pennsylvania Railroad station in Jersey City that she had "the real stuff," and Bennett was sent there to get it. Mrs. Bergin satisfied her obligations and the chief didn't ear of her again until Mr. Grinslade, through counsel, said he was going before

the Grand Jury.
Grinslade refused yesterday to discuss Mrs. Bergin's financial transactions with

Mrs. Bergin made a voluntary statemen o the police in which she said: "I did give him [Grinslade] the check because I wanted the money for other purposes. "Did you have money in the bank?" asked

the chief. "I had some," she replied, "but not enough

to meet it." Mrs. Bergin and her children were taken o Prosecutor Speer's office late in the afternoon. Bail was fixed at \$2,000, and Michael Day, an ex-Jersey City Alderman, who is a friend of her family, became her sufety. She started for New York saying she proposed to catch an evening train for

HAD \$10,000 IN BANKS,

But Francis L. Wellman's Old Servant Died Refusing to Have a Doctor.

Anne Conway, 60 years old, for many years a servant in the family of ex-Assistant District Attorney Francis L. Wellman, was found dead in bed in a furnished room at 308 East Thirty-first street, where she had made her home. She had been ill but re-fused to see a doctor.

Coroner's Physician Waston, upon empty-ing the woman's satchel, found bankbooks on the Greenwich, Bowery, and Immigrant Industrial Savings banks and the Bank for Savings, representing deposits of \$8,318.40. Interest accruing for many years will a mount to nearly \$2,000 more. The woman's sister, Rose McGowan of had the body sent to her home.

Quickest Line to Cleveland.

Leave New York 5:33 P. H., africe Cleveland
7:15 next morning, Chickenski 1:00 P. M., Bridenapolite 5:20 P. M., St. Lodds 7:45 P. M., by Werk
Central. Fine Service. No excess thre.—Ass.

JAG HALTS SUBWAY TRAINS. Dodged Cars on the Tracks at the Fiftieth

A drunk tied up the subway traffic for nearly twenty minutes during the rush at 5:30 o'clock last night. He loomed up on the downtown platform of the Fiftieth street station, and after delivering an eloquent plea in favor of the water wagon umped on the southbound local track and began to play puss in the corner among he posts between the tracks. He narrowly escaped a south bound express by seamper ing onto the north track. A Harlem torpedo whizzed up that track, but not before the jag had skipped over to the north local.

Ticket choppers deserted their posts and the sellers of coupons forgot that the road hoped to declare a big dividend and began chasing the drunk. One of the employees was thoughtful enough to pull the danger signal at one end of the platform, and this stopped all trains before they reached the station.

There were about twenty passengers on the downtown platform, and nearly as many on the opposite side. They yelled at the gentleman with the jag while he was based along the tracks and finally nabbed half a block north of the station on the uptown local track. He was vanked back to the platform and dragged up by the nape of the neck.

Somebody had telephoned a call for help o Police Headquarters, but when the police got there the drunk had got away.

MADE THE SNOW FLY. Rival Shovellers Pile It in Heaps and Scatter It Over the Street,

There was a snow shovelling contest yesterday afternoon in East 126th street, between a force of street cleaners and a gang of stablemen from Louis Kahn's ivery stable at 155.

Since the first fall of snow the street cleaners have not cleaned 126th street between Lexington and Third avenues. The snow was piled up in front of the stable, and the proprietor ordered his men yesterday to clean the street for a distance of a hundred feet in each direction. The men shovelled the snow up into piles near he curb, so that a passageway was made

An inspector from the Street Cleaning Department passed through that part of the town a little later, and when he saw be snow piled up he summoned some of is men to scatter it along the street. Kahn came out and remonstrated, and one of the men said that the snow would melt quicker when it was scattered. Kahn saw that his protest had no effect so he ordered a gang of his men out and told them to ovel the snow back as they had left it. The men started to work, and as fast as they shovelled it into heaps, the street cleaners scattered it. The battle lasted for over an hour, with neither side showing any disposition to give in, but when darkness came on the "White Wings" got tired and left in disgust.

The livery stable is within a few feet of the East 126th street station, but so long as the men did not show any inclination for a real fight the cops kept their hands off and were content to watch the fun.

HE DIDN'T WANT TO ENLIST. Negro Porter Visits Navy Yard on Sight-

seeing Trip and Is Stripped. A number of young men appeared at the navy yard, Brooklyn, yesterday for examination for apprenticeships. The line reached far out of the Sands street gate. and as the hour was late the guard ordered the lads to hurry through without the usual individual inquiry as to what might be

wanted. In the rush a tall, clean cut young colored man was carried through. When his turn came he was stripped and examined by the

came he was stripped and examined by the doctors. The usual questions were asked as to what trade he wished to learn. He looked surprised.

"Heah, sah," he exclaimed. "Give me mah clothes, quick. Ah don't want no work. Ah ain't goin' to enlist. Ah's a Pullman car porter, Ah is."

"What are you doing here?"

"Ah done come to the yard to see what it look like." replied the youth, who said his name was Joe Johnson. "Ah heard that no visitors would be allowed to carry firearms or whiskey, so I s'pected you wuz lookin' foh my razzer."

COUNT CASSINI'S JUBILEE. Fiftieth Anniversary of His Entrance Into

the Russian Diplomatic Service. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Count Arturo Cassini, the Russian Ambassador and dean of the Diplomatic Corps here, to-day celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his en-trance into the Russian diplomatic service. Callers were received all day at the embassy, among whom were representatives of other countries, Department officers and personal friends. President Roosevelt sent letter of hearty congratulation and a photograph of himself with his autograph. These okens were accompanied by a large bunch of flowers from Mrs. Roosevelt. The

of flowers from Mrs. Roosevelt. The members of the embassy staff presented to him a handsome gold carved box as a remembrance of the occasion.

To-night a golden jubilee dinner was given at the embassy. The Ambassador's official family, several members of the Diplomatic Corps and a few friends attended. Count Cassini entered the diplomatic service of Russia when he was 18 years of age as an amanuensis to the Under Secretary of the Foreign Office of the Government in St. Petersburg. He comes from a long line of distinguished Italian astronomers. His father was called from Paris, where his forefathers had studied the heavens for scores of years, to St. Petersburg. The elder Cassini desired that the son should engage in the same scientific pursuits, but the present Count Cassini objected and on his own responsibility entered the employ of the Government. In the Foreign Office he was fitted for the diplomatic service. He was sent to Hamburg. Vienna, China and then to the United States, the latter appointment being made on June 22 1998. While in China he negotiated the latter appointment being made on June 23, 1898. While in China he negotiated June 23, 1898. While in China he ne the treaty for the Siberian railway.

HE IS INSANE NOW.

Postmaster the Department Thought Crazy Two Years Ago Taken to Asylum. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- Two years ago when the salary and allowance division of the Post Office Department asked James

the Post Office Department asked James A. Greer, postmaster at 'Allegheny, Pa., how many additional clerks and letter carriers he would need during the fiscal year, he surprised them by saying "None."

"He must be crazy," they said in jest.
To-day the officers of the Post Office Department recalled the jest when they received a report from Allegheny saying that Mr. Greer was taken to an asylum for the insane last night, suffering with a disease of the mind which is regarded as incurable. The assistant postmaster was put in charge and a letter was written to Representative Shiras, son of Associate Justice Shiras of the Supreme Court, retired, asking him to recommend a successor.

# TWO IN PACT TO DIE; ONE DEAD

ORESTES WEED TOOK MORPHINE AT GRAND UNION HOTEL.

Was Brother-in-Law of Ex-Gov. Sprague, and Once Figured in Canonchet Episode -His Companion, a Prisoner at Bellevue. Says That Both Were Penniless

Orestes Weed, general manager of the Nathaniel Tufts Meter Company of Boston, a brother-in-law of ex-Gov. Sprague of Rhode Island, and otherwise well connected. died yesterday in Bellevue Hospital from morphine poisoning. He was taken from a room in the Grand Union Hotel unconcious at 3 o'clock in the morning. In 1900, according to newspaper reports published at the time, Gov. Sprague drove Weed from his place at Canonchet. It was said that his anger was aroused by Weed's attentions to his daughter by his former

Stopping in the same room at the Grand Union with Weed was Bernard Riley of Hartford, Conn., who says that he was friend of the dead man. Riley also had taken morphine, but his condition was not so bad. He is in the Bellevue Hospital prison ward, held as a suspicious person. Riley said that he met Weed for the first time in a good many years in Boston on Saturday, the day before Christmas. They had gone to school together as boys, he said. They had dinner together Saturday afternoon, and got to talking over old times. Neither of them was flush; in fact, Riley admitted, both were almost broke, and they got awfully blue over the situation. They decided that the best thing to do was go to New York and end their lives by taking

They reached the city late Saturday night, and engaged a large double room on the second floor of the Grand Union, paying in advance. Then they sallied out to get the poison. They had decided, in talking it over on the way down from Boston, that morphine would be the best drug to take. They bought a dollar's worth of the powder at a drugstore on Forty-second street, near the Grand Central Station.

Riley could not tell the corner exactly where the store is, nor could he say definitely how much morphine there was in the envelope which the druggist gave them. A dollar, it is said, ought to buy at any ordinary store about an ounce of the drug, which would be enough to kill several men. They took the poison to their room without delay, but at the last moment, Riley

said, they lost their nerve and went to bed deciding to live at least a day longer. On Christmas Day their nerve failed again and once more on Monday, but when they turned in late Tuesday night without penny left they were able to summon sufficient courage to do the deed.

Weed, according to Riley, took his half o the powder first and had already lapsed into coma when Riley swallowed his share Weed, his companion said, appeared to be perfectly cool about it and after taking the powder lay down on the bed and talked about ordinary topics until he began doze off. Riley was taken violently ill, and his nerve again deserting him at the last moment he staggered out into the hallway wrapped in a blanket and called loudly

That was at 2 o'clock in the morning. found the sick man lying on the floor. "My friend is dying; my friend is dying!

he oried. Then he managed to let the detective know what had taken place, although he concealed at first the fact that he had himself taken any of the drug. An ambulance from Bellevue was called then, and the two were taken to the hospital on the double quick. All efforts to arouse Weed, however, were futile, and he died soon after reaching the hospital. Riley will get well.

Weed was 31 years old and a married man with two children, one only 6 weeks old. He lived in the Hotel Empire, a fashionable apartment hotel in Brookline Mass. When a telegram reached his wife saying that he was seriously iil in the hospital she fainted, but finsisted, in spite of her delicate condition, upon hurrying at once to this city. She arrived late yesterday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Sprague, wife of the ex-Governor. She had heped to reach the bedside of her husband before he died, and when she heard that he had passed away she broke down completely. She has a sister, Miss E. F. de Roulhac, living at 60 West Tenth street.

and she went to her apartments.

Weed married Miss de Roulhac three years ago. Before that, it was said, he had gained considerable notoriety in severa affairs with heiresses. One story in circulation is that ex-Gov. Sprague exiled him from his estate, Canonchet, at Narragansett Pier, for paying too much attention to Sprague's daughter by his first wife. It was in 1900 when the papers printed

stories to that effect. He was know at the pier as Orrie Weed and was popular with the Casino frequenters. The stories of his baving been exiled from the old Fighting Governor's place were based on the fact that he left Canonchet suddenly and moved with all his traps to a small cottage on the Kingstown road. The ex-Governor, it was said at the time, alleged no serious offence against Orrie, but seemed to be opposed to all suitors.

STRUCK BY A DEAD CAR. Trame Policeman Gray Badly Hurt

Policeman Charles Gray of the Broad-

way squad was badly burt shortly after 8 o'clock last night while looking after traffic at the Bleecker street crossing. He had just piloted a party of young women across the street and was standing between the tracks when a northbound car passed him. He didn't see that the car was dragging a "dead" car. As soon as the first car passed he attempted to step toward the east curb and was struck by the forward end of the unlighted car behind.

Gray was thrown backward, and at this moment a southbound car passed. Both it and the "dead" car were of the extra wide variety, and the policeman was squeezed between the two. His uniform was almost entirely torn from his body and he was thrown to the pavement. It was with great difficulty that he managed to keep from being dragged beneath the wheels of one or the other car.

Gray was picked up unconscious and carried to the sidewalk by Policemen Lenihan and Flanagan, who were standing near by. They summoned an ambulance and Gray was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital. He had sustained several bad scalp wounds and several contusions of the body. ging a "dead" car. As soon as the first

THROUGH SLEEPING CAR TO CLEVELANI via Pomneylvenia Raffrond, leaves New York (Wes 25d St.) at 455 P. M., delity; arrives Cleveland 7:1 A. M. Other good trains—Adv.

RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION. Chief of Police Killed With a Revolver

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.-The chief of police at Schuscha, Caucasus, has been shot with a revelyer and killed in the street in that town. His assassin is unknown.

CAPTAINS TO BE SHIFTED.

Mr. McAdoo Announces a Small Shakeufor the Year End. ssioner McAdoo intimated yesterday that there would be a little police shake up in commemoration of the dying year. He wouldn't go into details, but the guess among those who pretend to wisdom in such matters is that two captains are to e changed, and that the change may in

volve a total shift of four, and that half dozen sergeants will be moved. "It won't come before Friday," said the Commissioner. "Not before Friday, if at all

Famous Fish Merchant and an Enthusiast on Fish Culture. Eugene Gilbert Blackford, an authority on two continents for everything pertaining to the fishing industry, died last night He was known all over the country as an ichthyologist and fish merchant. In 1879 he was appointed a member of the

EUGENE BLACKFORD DEAD.

Fish Commission for the State of New He had been for years known as the dean of Fulton Market," where his fish business, incorporated as "Blackford's,"

had been known for years. Mr. Blackford was a director in financial institutions and a member of a number of clubs. He was a vice-president

INDIA PROTESTS. Objection to Kitchener's Scheme of

of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and

Reorganization. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BOMBAY, Dec. 28 .- The twentieth annual neeting of the Indian National Congress, representing almost every race and religion in India, including the Mohammedans,

oncluded its labors to-day. A resolution was adopted by acclamation o send to England a delegation representing the various provinces for the purpose of submitting the claims of India to the British electors and politicians. Other resolutions denounced the missions to libet. Afghanistan and Persia as threatening to entangle India in foreign disputes condemning the continued increase in military expenditures, and protesting against the cost of Gen. Kitchener's rerganization scheme be charged to India.

MOSCOW ZEMSTVO PROTESTS. Adjourns Because of Czar's Warning as to.

Its Work. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—The zemstvo of Mosow, which began a session on Monday. adjourned without date to-day. By a majority vote a resolution was adopted declar ing that it was impossible to conduct the meetings and do business with the necessary calmness in view of the Government's attitude toward the zemstvos. This is a reference to the communication issued early decree of reforms, sharply warning the gemstvos and other institutions not to "go beyond the limits provided for them" and not to "concern themselves in questions in the consideration of which they have no legal

authority." JOIN TO FIGHT CASSIDY. Queens Democratic Club Likely to Fuse

With Republicans. A meeting of representatives of the Queens County Democratic Club was held ast night in Columbia Hall, Jackson avenue, Long Island City, to prepare for reorganizing the club for the next campaign. Mem bers were present from each of the wards, and in executive session means were dis oussed for cleaning the party in Queens.

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All the efforts of the club will be directed towards defeating Joseph Cassidy, President of the borough, whose methods have aroused the taxpayers.

There is little hope of defeating Cassidy for a renomination, as his machine is strong enough to control the primaries, but the change County Democratic Club and enough to control the primaries, but the Queens County Democratic Club and many of the civic organizations are likely to fuse with the Republicans in the support of some good man who will be acceptable to the Republicans and the honest Democrats of the borough. It is believed that there would be no doubt of the election

THROWN SENSELESS FROM A CAR.

Miss Ellen Emerson of Mount Vernon Badly Hurt and Her Condition Serious. Miss Ellen Emerson, 55 years old, of 162 Cottage Grove avenue, Mount Vernon, was thrown from a northbound Fourth avenue car at Fifteenth street and Union Square, yesterday afternoon, by a sudden move-ment of the car while she was boarding it. She was picked up unconscious and hurried

She was picked up unconscious and hurried to Bellevue Hospital, where Ambulance Surgeon Bandler found that she had concussion of the brain. Her condition is serious.

Miss Emerson was accompanied by her niece, Catherine, a daughter of Dr. E. B. Emerson, a well known Mount Vernon physician who is on the visiting staff of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary. In the excitement attending the accident both women lost their pocketbooks. The younger declined offers of assistance, but waited at the hospital until her father arrived from Mount Vernon.

LAWYER JAILED FOR CONTEMPT. Arthur N. Harris Runs Foul of County Judge of Queens in Receivership Case. Arthur N. Harris, a lawyer, who has an office at 309 Broadway, was arrested yesterday morning at his home, 21 Wes yesterday morning at his home, 21 West 118th street, by a deputy sheriff of Queens county. Harris is charged with contempt of court in ignoring an order of County Judge Humphreys and he will have to remain in jail until Saturday next unless he pays \$97 over to the court. Judge Humphreys will hold court again on Saturday, and if the money is not paid before then Harris will be committed for contempt of court.

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Harris was appointed receiver for the paint establishment of Isaac Jarashon of 108 Vernon avenue, Long Island City. He wound up the business and had the sum of 10g in his possession after paying all expenses. The creditors secured an order from Judge Humphrey's directing Harris to turn over this money to the court last Saturday, and Harris failed to do so.

Insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla .-- Ads.

## Black Out of It, in the Opinion of the Politicians.

## ODELLWON'T SAY THE WORD

### Said to Have Heard From Governor-elect Higgins.

Higgins, if It Is Left to Him, Is for Depen -Pregnant Conferences Yesterday of Black Men at the Manhattan and With Odell at the Republican Club Black, After Consideration, Declines to Announce His Candidacy, and the Governor Declines to Commit Himself

Believed Odell Will Leave the Choice to the Legislature and Depew Wins.

-More Conferences To-day, but It Is

"White man am mighty onsartin," but all of the Republican political indications in these diggings late last night pointed to the reelection of the Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew to the United States Senate when the joint caucus of Republican legislators assembles on Jan. 17. For a week or more the undertow has been strongly in favor of Depew. It has been known all along that there has been no foundation for the movement to make Frank S. Black Mr. Depew's successor except reliance upon Governor-Chairman Odell. For more than a year Mr. Black has been a candidate for Mr. Depew's place, and Mr. Black and Mr. Black's friends have quietly solicited

support for him. For the last two weeks Mr. Black's friends have urged Governor-Chairman Odell to come out in the open and declare himself for Black, and Louis F. Payn of Chatham, Columbia county, had announced to many that Governor-Chairman Odell was to make his decision yesterday in favor of Mr. Black. Farly yesterday morning, however, several of Mr. Odell's friends said: "It will be

Late last night at the Republican Club after a day of conferences, both at the club and at the Manhattan Hotel, Governor-Chairman Odell said:

"I certainly shall make no announce-ment of my views to-night. Perhaps I will to-morrow, and then again perhaps will not. It may be that no announ ment of my views will become necessary.

Early yesterday morning GovernorChairman Odell had a long talk with Mr.

Payn at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and after they parted it was reported that Mr. Paynhad discerned that Mr. Odell was weakening on the Black proposition, and that Mr. Payn had used some pretty stout language to Mr. Odell.

"Any story of that kind is a falsehood," said Mr. Payn at the Holland House late last night. "I still believe that Mr. Black will be elected United States Senator. Yes, I met some of my Republican friends at the Republican Club and at the Hotel Manhattan to-day, and I do not believe that the situation has changed a particle."

After his talk with Mr. Payn at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Governor-Chairman Odell repaired to the Republican Club. Soon were gathered about him Speaker S. Frederick Nixon, Representative Lucius N. Littauer, ex-Representative Wallace T. Foote of Port Henry, William C. Warren of Buffalo and Senator Edgar T. Brackett.
Late in the afternoon Regent Edward
Lauterbach dropped in, and he remained
with Governor-Chairman Odell at the
club until late last night. While Mr. Odell was discussing the United States Senatorship matter with the Republicans mentioned at the Republican Club, ex-Gov. Frank S. Black was at the Hotel Manhattan surrounded by Mr. Payn, William L. Ward, national committeeman for the State; George W. Aldridge and Senator George R. Malby.

While it has been known for a year and more that Mr. Black was a candidate for Mr. Depew's place, he has not by any public utterance declared himself to be a candidate for the United States Senatorship. for the United States Senatorship. The Troy Times, which is recognized as Mr. Black's official organ, came out a couple of weeks ago and proclaimed Mr. Black's candidacy, and Senator Brackett's newspaper in Saratoga has been for Black all along, and so has William C. Warren's newspaper in Buffalo. These are the three notable Republican newspapers in the State that have been for Black. The vast majority of all the others have been outspoken for Depew, reflecting the mantispoken for Depew, reflecting the sentiments of their Republican con

In view of the fact that Mr. Black had not publicly avowed his candidacy, Mr. Payn, Mr. Ward and Senator Malby urged Mr. Black yesterday to come right out Mr. Black yesterday to come right in the open and declare himself to

Mr. Black thought and thought, and then declined to do so.

Those present with him went ever the work that had been put in for Black in the last year, but then every mother's son of them reballed that Governor-Chair-man Odell has never uttered for public print any other statement than that he States Senatorship fight. With Mr. Odell was wholly un committed in the Uni occupying this attitude, and with no evi-dence from him that he was to change it.

Mr. Black very wisely, it was declared

refused to come out and declare him

as a candidate for United States Senator to It may be parenthetically stated here that there has been unquestionable evidence within the last few months that George R. Sheldon, former Republican national com-mitteeman for the State, and other in-Auential Republicans have informed Mr. Black that it would be very unwise politics on his part to become a candidate Mr. Depew. It has been pointed out to Mr. Black that if he took such a step he must necessarily become the candidate of a faction and that even if he were successful, which his advisers very much doubted,

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there would be created friction and trouble